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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-6 remain pending. Claims 1, 5, and 6 are independent.

§ 112, 2ND PARAGRAPH REJECTION

In the Office Action, it is indicated that claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. However, the particular recitation of "an image folder at the time of depositing an image while which has an image file name including digit is present in the image folder" is actually recited in lines 5-6 of claim 2, not claim 1 as indicated in the Office Action. Since no other claims depend from claim 2, Applicant will treat this as a rejection of claim 2 only under Section 112, second paragraph.

Claim 2 has been amended to address this issue. Applicant respectfully submit that the rejection of claim 2 under Section 112, second paragraph is no longer applicable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 112, second paragraph rejection of claim 2 be withdrawn.

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§ 102 REJECTION - HAYASHI

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Hayashi (EP 0982667). Applicant respectfully traverses.

Applicant notes that the publication date of Hayashi is March 1, 2000 which post dates the priority date of November 12, 1999 of the present application. A certified translation is concurrently filed herewith to perfect filing of the present application. As such, Hayashi does not qualify as a valid prior art.

Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-6 based on Hayashi be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Hyung Sohn (Reg.

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No. 44,346), to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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